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Masami MASUKO) Confirmation No.: 4923
U.S. Application No.: 10/618,706) Group Art Unit: 1753
Filed: July 15, 2003) Examiner: Unassigned
For: WHETSTONE PELLET, WHETSTONE,)
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THEM,)
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL)
ELEMENT USING WHETSTONE, AND)
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING EXPOSURE)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-282362 (listed as Japanese Patent Application No. 102774/1989) was cited in an International Search Report issued in a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty of a related U.S. application. The other Japanese Patent Documents Nos. 4-223875, 2000-117605, 11-98052, and 2000-84820 were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 4, 2003. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

A concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language document listed may be ascertained from the English-language translation of its Abstract.

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Respectfully submitted,

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